

## Draft minutes of the ordinary meeting of Darley and Menwith Parish Council held on 23 May 2022 from 8.30pm at Darley Memorial Hall, Sheepcote Lane, Darley

**2205/2/1 Present:** Councillors S Welch (Chairman), A Robertshaw, J McAllister, N Nicholas, P Ward, R Ferguson, County Councillor Andrew Murday and the Clerk (M Pearson). No members of the public attended.

**2205/2/2 Apologies:** Borough Councillor Tom Watson.

**2205/2/3 Declarations of Interest and consideration of dispensations:** None.

**2205/2/4 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2022 were approved.

**2205/2/5 Public Statements:** None.

### 2205/2/6 Planning

#### a. Planning Decisions noted:

21/04405/FUL Construction of a communications compound. Consisting of a 45' long steel container with supporting fuel installation enclosed within a security fence within the mission support area on the base. RAF Menwith Hill Main Street Menwith Hill Camp  
PERMISSION GRANTED

21/04958/FUL Demolition of double garage; Erection of detached double garage and store; Erection of 1 no. first floor extensions; Raising roof height to an existing two storey element; Formation of new vehicular access; Formation of external staircase to lower ground floor; Installation of 4 no. roof lights; Alterations to fenestration. AMENDED DETAILS. Mount Pleasant Moorcock Lane Darley  
PERMISSION GRANTED

22/01098/FUL Erection of single storey extension and conversion of existing store and passage to form utility room and replacement store. Gateways Darley  
PERMISSION GRANTED

20/05216/FULMAJ Conversion and extension of Mill Building to form 9 Residential Units, erection of storage building/car port, 11 dwellings, detached garage and other external works including car parking Darley Mill Darley Carr Darley

HBC Planning Committee approved a motion on 10 May 2022 to approve the application subject to a number of conditions and a Section 106 agreement being agreed.  
PERMISSION GRANTED

22/01353/FUL Removal of timber summer house and replacement with outbuilding store Curlew Cottage Hookstone Garth Thornthwaite  
PERMISSION GRANTED

#### b. Planning Applications considered:

22/01525/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension & Alterations to roof to form gables Holme Croft Darley  
NO OBJECTIONS

c. **Planning Enforcement:** It was noted that an update from Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) regarding 22/00146/BRPC15 Land Comprising Field At 420945 459286 Stumps Lane Darley ALLEGED BREACH: Alleged raised finished floor levels not in compliance with approved plans (22/00390/DVCON and 20/02500/DVCON) confirmed that an investigation has been carried out and the officer intends to await the decision on planning application 22/00390/DVCON before taking action on the breach of planning identified.

#### d. Planning Appeals noted:

APP/E2734/W/21/3289743 West Croft, Day Lane, Thornthwaite.  
APPEAL DISMISSED

22/00033/NENFNO Appeal against Enforcement Notice: Without planning permission the erection of a replacement dwelling otherwise than in accordance with the plans approved under permission 15/02361/FUL West Croft Day Lane Darley.  
APPEAL IN PROGRESS

#### e. Other planning matters: None.

**2205/2/7 County and Borough Councillors' Reports:** County Councillor Murday confirmed that he recently attended briefings on how North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) operates and how it plans to migrate to the new North Yorkshire Council (NYC). NYC will maintain hubs in each of the borough and district centres, with Councillors sitting on area committees aligned with parliamentary constituencies. Provision of services for Darley and Menwith Parish will be covered by an area committee for the Skipton & Ripon constituency, most likely from a hub based in offices in Skipton.

Plans for the creation of a mayoralty are to be approved during the coming year, with a mayor expected to oversee NYC and the City of York Council once elected (elections are expected to be held in 2024). An additional £30million of annual funding likely to be provided from Central Government once a mayor is in place.

County Councillor Murday is expecting to sit on the NYCC/NYC Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee and as a member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

County Councillor Murday advised that if parish councils (or collections of parish councils) can identify assets or services that they can make a case for taking on, NYC will consider devolving power to those parish councils. If this is of interest County Councillor Murday recommended that parish councils could start to plan for this now, although not likely to happen until 2024 or 2025.

County Councillor Murday is keen to help with local issues regarding wireless connectivity and broadband connectivity.

Following an initial surgery in Pateley Bridge on 20 May, County Councillor Murday is planning further surgeries within the division including in Darley. County Councillor Murday will hold a surgery at Hookstone Memorial Hall, Thornthwaite, on Friday 3 June from 10 – 11.30am.

**2205/2/8 The North Yorkshire Council:** No further update was noted. It was agreed that the Council should consider the question of assets/services that it might consider taking on under double-devolution from NYC at the next meeting (27 June); **Cllr Nicholas to provide paper / Clerk to add to agenda.**

#### **2205/2/9 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

- a. *Grant application to the HBC Jubilee Fund:* It was noted that the grant application was unsuccessful.
- b. *Purchase and installation of Jubilee benches at the Darley Playing Fields:* It was noted that delivery of the benches is expected on 26 May 2022 and that the Parish Caretaker is aware and will install the benches.
- c. *Platinum Jubilee Celebration Events:* It was noted that the Jubilee Ball will be held on Saturday 28 May 2022 in Darley Memorial Hall from 7.30pm and that there will be a Jubilee Tea Party in Darley Memorial Hall on Thursday 2 June 2022 from 3pm.

#### **2205/2/10 Highways and footpaths**

- a. *Notification of emergency road closures:* It was noted that Amie Hird, NYCC Street Works Network Coordinator, had agreed to add the clerk to the email notification list for emergency road closures in the Parish. It was noted that Ms Hird confirmed that local bus companies are notified of closures through this list; **Clerk to monitor and add emergency closures to the Council website.**
- b. *Overgrown hedges over footpaths within the Parish:* A report from a parishioner regarding a number of hedges that are overgrown and partially-blocking footpaths was noted. It was agreed that the relevant homeowners should be asked to tidy up the hedges: **Councillor Nicholas and Clerk to action.**
- c. *Parked cars on verges alongside Stocks Green:* It was noted that cars continue to park on the verge next to Stocks Green on Main Street. It was agreed that the owners of the vehicles should be identified where possible and a request made not to park on the verges; **Clerk to action.**
- d. *Sign at junction of Stumps Lane and Menwith Hill Road:* It was noted that NYCC Highways has placed an order for the sign to be permanently repaired but that this is currently being treated as a lower priority than other works required within the County.
- e. *Footpath between The Holme and Nidd Lane:* A request by a parishioner to investigate the possibility of a footpath being installed between the dwellings at The Holme and the edge of Darley village (near Nidd Lane) was noted. It was agreed that this should be looked into to determine whether funding might be available from NYCC; **Clerk to investigate.**
- f. *RAF Menwith Hill Main Gate:* It was noted that as part of work to re-design the entrance to RAF Menwith Hill, the entrance gate on Menwith Hill Road may close in the near future. Entrance to the site will be from the B6451 while work is carried out.
- g. *Stepping stones over the River Nidd:* A question was asked regarding responsibility for maintaining the stepping stones in Dacre Parish. County Councillor Murday agreed to discuss the latest position with NYCC Public Rights of Way team.
- h. No any other highways and footpaths issues were discussed.

#### **2205/2/11 Village Maintenance**

- a. *Parishioner offer to donate a commemorative bench to the Council to be sited on Low Green, Darley:* An offer to purchase a bench was noted. It was agreed that the Council could not agree to the request, as Low Green is owned by HBC, not the Parish Council; **Councillor Robertshaw to discuss with the parishioner.** The possibility of a commemorative bench being purchased to be sited on land owned by the Darley Playing Fields Association (DPFA) (such as in the children's playground) was suggested as an alternative to be explored: **Councillors Nicholas and Ward to discuss with DPFA.**
- b. *HBC consultation on changes to the siting and collection of waste bins:* Correspondence from HBC regarding changes to the process for emptying waste bins within the Parish, including the possible removal of four waste bins was noted. It was agreed that Councillors should consider the proposal in more detail and submit any comments to the Clerk; **Councillors to action.**
- c. No other urgent village maintenance needs were discussed.

## **2205/2/12 Reports:**

- a. *North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue – Offer to speak regarding fire safety at Council meeting 25 July 2022:* The Council agreed that the talk should take place at the start of the July meeting (from 8pm); **Clerk to arrange.**
- b. *Darley Memorial Hall Special Meeting:* A special meeting to consider a change in how Darley Memorial Hall is governed at 7.30pm on 29 June 2022 in Darley Memorial Hall was noted.
- c. No other meetings or events were discussed.

## **2205/2/13 Finance**

- a. *Receipts and Payments noted:* Receipts: HBC Precept Part 1: £7,875. Payments: Focus on Darley – Grants towards printing costs for the year to 31 March 2023 and towards the cost of the Jubilee Tea Party, June 2023 £550; Ms J Dowson – Internal audit services for the year to 31 March 2022 £50; Darley Memorial Hall – Grant towards upkeep of car park for the year to 31 March 2023 £125; Zurich Municipal – Insurance for the year to 31 May 2023 £458.83; Eon Next cmas lights (May) £5.
- b. The budget for May 2022 was approved.
- c. It was noted that the supplier which usually services the defibrillator unit, Cardiaid, has contacted the Council suggesting that the unit may be due for replacement in the near future; **Clerk to investigate and add to next agenda.**
- d. No other financial matters were discussed.

## **2205/2/14 Correspondence received by the Clerk:**

- a. *The Anne Robson Trust – End of life care services:* Correspondence from this new organisation regarding the provision of a helpline and support for those who are dying and their families was noted. It was agreed that the contact information for the trust should be added to the Council website; **Clerk to action.**
- b. *National Association of Local Councils - Survey on local elections 2022:* A survey collecting data on the promotion, planning and resourcing of local elections on 5 May 2022 was noted; **Clerk to circulate details to Councillors.**
- c. *North Yorkshire County Council – Consultation on Local Flood Risk Strategy:* A consultation by NYCC regarding its strategy for how it aims to protect communities from flooding was noted. It was noted that, given the deadline of 12 June 2022, a Council response is not possible but Councillors might consider a response in their own names if interested; **Clerk to circulate details.**

**2205/2/15 Items for Information and next Agenda:** It was noted that a number of parishioners had asked regarding information on the Council and Councillors. It was noted that confirmation of the result of the recent election had been included in the latest Focus on Darley village newsletter and agreed that parishioners seeking more information should be directed to the Council section on the village website ([www.darleyvillage.info](http://www.darleyvillage.info)).

**2205/2/16 Date of next meetings:** 27 June, 25 July; 26 September; 31 October; 28 November; 30 January 2023.

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